

April 7, 1969

Mr. Burke Marshall
Old Orchard Road
Armonk, N.Y. 10504

Dear Mr. Marshall,

Despite your consistent record of never having responded to a single request I made of you or to a single suggestion, I do address the request to you that is reflected in the enclosed exchange of letters with the archivist of the United States.

Again I suggest to you that in accepting what others have told you on faith, with them, perhaps, also accepting that of which they have no personal knowledge on the same basis, you may have done great harm to yourself, to those whose interests you represent and to the country.

It is only because I cannot conceive of you as an evil conspirator out to ruin everybody and everything involved, that I take the time to address you at all. But regardless of why, whether from misplaced faith or ignorance, you have already wrought a national disgrace and scandal of a magnitude I cannot believe you can begin to imagine.

Daily it gets worse, as you should be able to deduce from the enclosed. Every word magnifies the horror.

You could not possibly have taken from your professional and social life the time required to get any decent, meaningful understanding of those things upon which you act. You act not for yourself but for the family of a murdered President of the United States. You cannot, in my opinion, learn what you should know as the basis for honorable representation of that already tee-bereaved family without being in touch with me, for I have every reason to believe that no one inside the government or out has made a study and investigation of this matter that approximates mine.

In all this time, have you not asked yourself, "Suppose I am wrong?" Does the possibility not shake you as nothing else?

And if you have erred, have done or counselled the wrong thing, what have you done to the country, the family, and particularly to Senator Edward Kennedy and the prospects of his future?

Sincerely,

Harold Reisberg